(b) Scheme for setting up of a permanent studio centre at Dehradun has already been sanctioned, however suitable site for the same is yet to be made available by the State Government It would take about 2 to 3 years to complete the project after the site is made available to Doordarshan.

Urdu Channel

2026. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the number of TV channels commenced by DD in various languages;

(b) the reasons for not having any channels in Urdu;

(c) the time given to Urdu programmes by various channels of Doordarshan; and

(d) the reasons for ignoring Urdu, which is a language written and spoken from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and has strong international appeal?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Doordarshan operates a total of 25 TV Channels - Five All India Channels, 8 State Networks for the Hindi Belt, one International Channel and 11 Regional Language Satellite Channels in the following languages

1. Malayalam
2. Tamil
3. Oriya
4. Bengali
5. Telugu
6. Kannada
7. Marathi
8. Gujarati
9. Kashmiri
10. Punjabi
11. Assamese & languages of North East

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that due to resource constraints in terms of manpower, equipment and funds, Doordarshan has not been in a position to start a channel in Urdu However, there is a proposal to start a channel in Urdu from the next financial year

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that Urdu programmes and News bulletins are being telecast daily on a number of Doordarshan channels. The details of such programmes are given in the Statement.

Statement

The time given to Urdu Programme by various channels of Doordarshan (Kendra-wise average weekly Urdu telecast time)

*Sl. No	Kendra/Channel	Programme	News
1.	Ahmedabad	15 mts.	-
2.	Bangalore	30 mts.	-
3	Bhopal	38 mts.	-
4.	Hyderabad	30 mts.	10 mts. daily - 70 mts. per week
5	Jaipur	15 mts	-
6.	Jallandhar	8 mts.	-
7.	Jammu	67 mts.	15 mts. daily - 105 mts. per week (Relayed from DDK, Srinagar)
8.	Delhi	30mts.	-
9.	Patna	8 mts.	10 mts. daily - 70 mts. per week
10.	Lucknow	30 mts.	5 mts. daily - 35mts per week
11.	Gorakhpur	4 mts.	5 mts. daily - 35mts. per week and 30 mts. composite programme (Relayed from DDK, Lucknow)
12.	Kolkata	10 mts.	10 mts. daily - 70 mts. per week
13.	Srinagar	9 hrs. 15 mts.	15 mts. daily - 105 mts per week
14	Kashir Channel	72 hrs. 25 mts.	15 mts daily - 105 mts. per week (Relayed from DDK, Srinagar since 15th August, 2004).
15.DD (News)			15 mts. daily - 105 mts. per week

Screening of feature films

2027 SHRI S.P.M SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made it mandatory that screening of any feature or documentary film in the Film Festivals, would require Central